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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEY

It is with regret that we have to announce the passing of OM Bill Venter ZS1SA.

Bill was a founder member of the Oakdale ARC in 1982, and was a very active member and a skillfull "home brewer". Many Western Cape amateurs have benefitted from his fitting and turning, and related workshop skills.

He leaves a wife, 1 son and 1 daughter. Our sincerest sympathies to them, other relatives and friends.

PAUSE

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

SARL SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS RESULTS

New subscription rates and a budget for the coming year were successfully agreed at the Special General Meetings held on Saturday 21st June at the NARC. In

addition five new councilors were appointed to fill vacant positions on Council. The meetings resulted in significant and positive change for the SARL, and a new direction was set for the new year.

It is regretted that certain councilors resigned from the Council.

BACKGROUND

At the AGM held in Bloemfontein in March this year, the members rejected the subscriptions and budget proposed by Council, thus forcing an SGM to be held. Subsequently a group of members submitted a motion of censure in Council, and particularly the Finance Committee, for not applying sufficient control over SARL expenditure.

Over the last few weeks an ad hoc committee was formed by a group of concerned members representing most regions, to analyse and make recommendations on how the SARL could be restructured.

Subsequently Sid Tyler, ZS6AYC and Kobus van der Merwe, ZS6JPY, submitted their resignations from Council.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING NO 1

At the first SGM, the ad hoc committee presented its interim report. This report contained a review of the challenges faced by the SARL, and a set of recommendations to Council. A summary of the report will shortly be made available to members on the SARL web site.

Three alternative budgets were then discussed and voted on. The result of this was to set the fees for the coming year as follows:

Ordinary and senior members R285 per annum; Family members R60 per annum; Foreign members R600 per annum.

The following council members then submitted their resignations:

Richard Seddon, ZS2CLI; Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT; Karl Canitz, ZS1KC.

Koos vd Merwe, ZS6JPY, tendered his resignation prior to the meetings.

Council regrets the departure of these members and conveys its thanks to them for their services to the SARL and the SARL Council.

Prior to the meeting a call was made for nominations to fill the vacant positions on Council. As the above resignations gave rise to more vacancies than nominations received, the following members were elected unopposed to Council:

Andrew Roos, ZS1AN; Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH; John Smith, ZS6AN; Peter Hers, ZS6PHD; Ton van Dijk, ZS6ANA; Yvonne van Dijk, ZR6TBL.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING NO 2

This meeting was called specifically to consider the two motions of censure.

The first motion, to censure the 2002/03 Council for exceeding the authorized budget without having first obtained the agreement of members as required by the Rules, was carried by a majority of members present and proxies held by them. However, the second motion, calling for the resignation from Council of the Treasurer and those Council Members who served on the 2002/03 Finance Committee was defeated.

NEW COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

At the first Council Meeting held directly following the SGMs the following appointments were made by Council:

Chairman of Council and President: Hans Potgieter, ZS6ALJ; Vice-chairman and Vice-president: Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH; Secretary: Yvonne van Dijk, ZR6TBL; Treasurer: Bill Norval, ZS5KD.

The full Council therefore consists of the above plus the following members:

Andrew Roos, ZS1AN; Dennis Green, ZS4BS; Francois Botha, ZS6BUU; John Fielding, ZS5JF; John Smith, ZS6AN; Kobus Conradie, ZR6D; Laurie Devereux, ZS5DL; Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT; Peter Hers, ZS6PHD; Ton van Dijk, ZS6ANA.

Responsibilities for detail Council portfolios will be reported on next week's bulletin and published on the SARL Web site.

From the Editor: Sarlnews conveys its thanks to those retiring council members who executed their respective tasks in the best interests of amateur radio and conveys its best wishes to the new Council. You have a difficult task ahead and we appeal to all SARL members to assume a positive attitude towards strengthening and expansion of the SARL. I am sure your positive input to Council will be appreciated.

SANDTON CLUB TO SUBSIDIZE SENIOR MEMBERS

As this will have an immediate effect on retired members, the Sandton Amateur Radio Club Committee has decided that it will subsidize this difference for all Sandton Club Senior Members for the next year. This will result in an effective new subscription rate of only R245 pa for these members.

Sandton Club calls on all other clubs around the country to consider the effect on their senior members and to match this subsidy to their senior members.

GIVE RECOGNITION TO YOUR STAR PERFORMERS

The Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year Awards are an opportunity to recognise the stars in your club. The awards are presented annually by the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust to recognise innovation in Amateur Radio and the promotion of the service. There are two awards, one for Radio Amateurs under 25 years of age aimed at recognising young people who promote amateur radio amongst their peer group and an award for Radio Amateurs over 25 years recognising innovation in amateur radio technology development and promotion.

Full details are available on the SARL Web at www.sarl.org.za. Nomination forms can also be obtained by sending a mail to saardt@intekom.co.za or a fax to 012 991 5651. Nominations close on 4 July 2003. The awards will be presented at a breakfast function in Johannesburg on August 12. The winners will be flown to Johannesburg to attend the presentation function.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SATELLITES

You can learn more about satellites by participating in the SARL Intecnet 2003 on the air tonight at 20:00. Dave Long of SA AMSAT will talk about the easy sats and how to get started with the minimum of equipment outlay. The discussion will be interactive allowing for discussion and Q&A. Various repeaters across the country will be coupled to the net.

OPEN DAY AT WEST RAND FOR HOME CONSTRUCTORS

There will be an open day for home constructors at the West Rand Amateur Radio Club at their clubhouse in Kroton Street Wetevreden Park on Saturday 28th June.

A number of talks have been scheduled for the morning session. Topics include transmitters/receivers, antennas, test equipment and the restoration of older radios. Some on-the-air demonstrations are planned for the morning session.

During the afternoon session, participants are invited to bring along any piece of equipment that requires some expert advice. A variety of test/measuring equipment will be available.

The West Rand Club shall provide for food and refreshments during the day.

Here is more information on what will happen during the day:

ZS6CCD, Tony, shall open the day by way of a presentation on the history of radio, and a demonstration of a spark transmitter.

ZS6GQ, Sid Gabriel, shall speak about TX/RX home brew equipment, as well as how to get on the air for less than R50.

ZS6AZJ, Hayden Stanley, and his son Tim, ZS6BID, will talk about a 9-band home brew all coverage receiver and other topics.

ZS6UT, ED, and ZS1FG, Alan will give presentations about antennas for 160 metres and antennas for restricted areas.

ZS6YQ, Bushy will give a talk about the restoration of older radios.

ZS6LP, Bert, will talk about antennas as well as easy and cheap antenna analysers.

ZS5WC, William, will be showing off his 40 m TX/RX kit, of which he has, to date, more than 30 orders, some from as far afield as the USA.

According to this information it appears that the presentations will be both interesting and instructive and it should be the priority of all amateurs who are

within travelling distance to attend this function on the 28th June. Gates open at 09:00 for a starting time of 10:00.

SOTA ACTIVITY

A few members from the Secunda Amateur Radio Club intend to activate Bloukop (MP-19) on Saturday 28 June. Depending on the weather they will be active from 09:30 on 7,065, 14,165, 3,650 and 145,500 MHz. The following amateurs will be activators: Sid Tyler, ZS6AYC, Detlev Hoffmann, ZS6BAB, and Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT.

END WINTER FLEA MARKET IN PRETORIA

Flea markets are always pleasant sociable events and at the request of many a flea market will for a change be held on the 2nd August at the site of the club house of the Magalies Radio Amateur Club situated in a park at the corner of Breyer and Mill Streets, Waverley, Pretoria.

Tables can be rented at R15,00 each or out of boot sales may be made for a commission of R5,00. Please call Magda ZS6MVW at 012 386 4901 or Almero ZR6RY at 082 908 3359 to book a table.

Food and drinks will be available in the club house, there is a playground for children and plenty on-site parking. All Clubs and individuals are welcome to participate and we look forward to see you there.

DATES TO REMEMBER Intechnet tonight at 20:00; Closing date for Amateurs of the Year Awards 4 July; Open day at West Rand for home constructors, Saturday June 28th.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin which was compiled by George, ZS6NE and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX